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- I. Roll Call
- II. Admin Update (next week)
- III. People Plus – next two pay periods filled in, please
- IV. Recap of last week's SER course on evals
- v. Ongoing work/activities update

## **Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)**

### ▪ New IRIS document out

**Notice:** EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program is announcing a 90-day public comment period associated with the Office of Research and Development (ORD) Staff Handbook for Developing IRIS Assessments, or IRIS Handbook. The comment period ends on March 1, 2021. Comments should be submitted to the docket (Docket no. EPA-HQ-ORD-2018-0654) on [Regulations.gov](https://www.regulations.gov).

The [IRIS Handbook](#) provides operating procedures for developing assessments including incorporation of systematic review principles. For more information on this document and the public comment period, please visit the [Federal Register](#) and the [EPA IRIS website](#).

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## IV. Open Discussion/Roundtable

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NAS SR –

- previous meeting July 23; interesting power discussion; recording now available. See <https://www.nationalacademies.org/event/07-23-2020/review-of-the-environmental-protection-agencys-toxic-substance-control-act-systematic-review-guidance-document-virtual-meeting-2>
- next meeting next week; to include quality evaluation of epi, I think – see <https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/review-of-epas-tsca-systematic-review-guidance-document>

### Good website we will review:

<https://stratos-initiative.org/>

These observations led to the initiation of the STRATOS (STRengthening Analytical Thinking for Observational Studies) initiative, a large collaboration of experts in many different areas of biostatistical research. *The objective of STRATOS is to provide accessible and accurate guidance in the design and analysis of observational studies. The guidance is intended for applied statisticians and other data analysts with varying levels of statistical education, experience and interests* (click to enlarge)

CDC/NHANES 2017-2018 food consumption data release. See under Data Release, June 2020 at [https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes/new\\_nhanes.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes/new_nhanes.htm), if interested. The next release will be of the 2019-2020 data and is expected to occur in summer 2022

### PBS Frontline – the Virus – what went wrong? See

[https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/the-virus/?utm\\_source=iterable&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=tune-in\\_New&utm\\_content=TheVirus](https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/film/the-virus/?utm_source=iterable&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=tune-in_New&utm_content=TheVirus)

### Reminder from several weeks ago:

Nice snippets:

<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/does-the-language-fit-the-evidence-association-versus-causation/>

## Additional ones which might be of interest:

<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/> and, from here:  
<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/absolute-vs-relative-risk/>  
[https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/be-careful-with-](https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/be-careful-with-composites/)

[composites/](#)

<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/odds-ratios/>  
<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/understanding-medical-tests-sensitivity-specificity-and-positive-predictive-value/>  
<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/review/in-story-on-experimental-blood-test-cnn-goes-where-few-dare-to-go-the-tests-sensitivity-and-specificity/>  
<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/2017/07/small-studies-be-vigilant-when-writing-about-them-and-skeptical-when-reading-about-them/>  
<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/mixed-messages-about-statistical-significance/>  
<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/not-even-scientists-can-easily-explain-p-values/>  
<https://www.healthnewsreview.org/toolkit/tips-for-understanding-studies/3-reasons-why-you-should-be-suspicious-of-study-subgroup-results/>

## VI. Open Call/Rumors

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